

Public Works Committee of the Town of Amherst

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 2007

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Rob Crowner in the chair. Also present: Charles Moran, Vincent O'Connor, Donald George and Staff Liaison Guilford Mooring, Superintendent of Public Works.

1. Administration.

- a. At the request of Mr. O'Connor, a review of the Town Meeting Warrant was added to the agenda.
- b. Motion made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 3, 2006, with only then current members of the committee voting.
- c. Motion made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2007.
- d. Motion made, seconded and voted to defer further minutes' approval.

2. Old Business

- a. Special Municipal Employee Status. It was stated by Mr. Mooring that members of the committee have Special Municipal Employee status until 30 June. There is some opinion that this status is probably not necessary for an advisory committee. On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Moran, it was voted to send a letter to the Select Board requesting this status for the members.
- b. Stop Signs. Mr. Mooring gave short presentation on the subject of stop signs and the process of deciding where they should be established. The design is controlled by the Federal "Manual of

Uniform Traffic Control Devices”, Section 2B.05 Each installation must be approved by the Select Board.

- c. Updates. Mr. O’Connor brought up the subject of “No Right Turn on Red” signs, and in particular, the ones at Main and North East. Also at East Hadley Road and West Street. Discussion postponed to a future meeting.

3. New Business.

- a. Mr. Mooring presented for review the 25% Plans of the reconstruction at Atkins Corner. There was some discussion about the use of land within the reconstruction area. There will be a further review in May.

- b. Future agendas:

- 1. May – Atkins Corner and Town Meeting Articles.
 - 2. June-July – Lincoln Avenue, Sand Hill Road, University Drive.
 - 3. August, Mill Lane, Bridge at Puffer’s Pond.

- c. Review of Town Meeting Warrant. Decided to recommend approval of Articles 6, 11, 21 and 44.

4. Announcements. Mr. O’Connor has visited the site of the Meadow Street Bridge reconstruction and says the bridge should be open to traffic by April 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 P.M.